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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year (CY) 2021 Colorado River Water Diversion for the Palo Verde Irrigation District (District)

Dear Mr. Hyduke:

The Bureau of Reclamation has received the District's CY 2021 Colorado River water diversion estimate. In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (Part 417), this letter provides the District with notice of my determination regarding the District's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for CY 2021.

Water rights for lands located within the District are based on the California Seven-Party Agreement of 1931 and the District's 1933 Colorado River Water Delivery Contract with the Bureau of Reclamation, which establish a priority system for delivery of Colorado River water to California water districts. The District has a Priority 1 right to sufficient water to irrigate up to 104,500 acres of land located in the Palo Verde Valley and a Priority 3(b) right to irrigate up to 16,000 acres of land on the Palo Verde Mesa.

Based upon a review of the CY 2021 diversion estimate provided by the District, and the information gathered during Reclamation's Part 417 consultation, I approve the diversion of up to 865,000 acre-feet (AF) of Colorado River water during CY 2021 for use in the District's service area. This approved diversion results in an estimated consumptive use of 428,620 AF.

Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during CY 2021 in an effort to assist each entitlement holder in ensuring its annual approval amount is not exceeded. Beginning in January 2021, these projections will be available to water users each day on Reclamation's website: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast.pdf. It is expected that entitlement holders within the state of California will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities, or, as appropriate, seek modification of the approval.

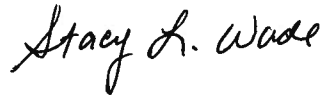
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Thank you for submitting the District's diversion estimate for CY 2021. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Jeremy Dodds, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at (702) 293-8164 or jdodds@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,



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